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There is a justifiable need to abolish the borders between nations, societies, cultures and whatever else separates and defines us. In order that the process of their abolishment does not lead to the formation of new borders or other types of segregation it has to be done from below, by the people not by elitist institutions such as The European Union, NATO or United Nations.

There is an endearing need to instantly abolish all states, governments and authoritarian institutions so that communities based on common values such as freedom, respect, collaboration and solidarity can be formed. These communities in turn can lead to the transformation of the world order into one based on the above mentioned values.

In an attempt to push forward both of these goals with support for development from the anarchist movement above the borders we have created ...

"Abolishing the Borders from Below" an anarchist courier from Eastern Europe

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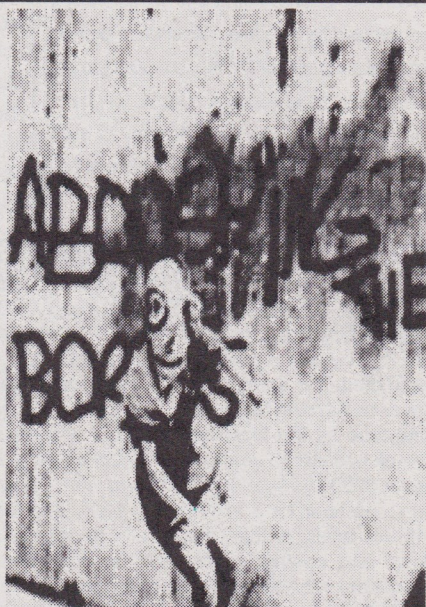
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There are many reasons why it is necessary to put out this type of publication on a regular basis. There are a large number of anarchist groups in Eastern Europe who could operate much more effectively with a continual exchange of ideas, tactics, experiences and materials with similarly minded groups from all over Europe and the World. It is clear that many western activists are also interested in the ideas and actions of the "eastern anarchists". We believe it to be necessary to tighten the collaboration between east and west in resisting Fortress Europe, the globalization of the world economy, and above all capitalism and its effects on our life. A mutual exchange of inspirations, motivations, and cooperation from anarchist communities all over Europe is needed on a day to day basis not only in times of international protests like the ones in Prague, Gothenburg and Genua. The intent of this paper is to set up a better network of communication between groups and individuals from different parts of this continent. The process of creating an editorial team for "ABfB" was a great step forward for this so we appeal to everyone to make the most of the informations here as effectively as possible."

Welcome to the first issue of "ABfB"! We are starting this project as a loose collective consisting mostly of polish and lithuanian activists so don't be surprised that this first issue will be dominated by informations from these regions. However it seems that different activists from Belarus, Latvia, Russia and Czech will also contribute to this project in the near future. As "an anarchist courier from Eastern Europa" every perspective from Zagreb to St.Petersburg is important to this newsletter. We hope this paper will develop into a permanent publication and that following issues could contain more info on anarchist activities in such places as Estonia, Ukrain, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. To not let this project rise above our editorial and organizational capabilities we have chosen to develop it slowly, step by step. The same limitations apply to the frequency of "ABfB". Our original goal was to publish

ona monthly basis but for now we have decided that bi-monthly is more realistic. Following issues should appear in february, april and june but maybe by summer we will reach our goal of a monthly newsletter. To be honest we are not entirely sure what kind of character "ABfB" will take on in the end. Basically we want to present diverse forms of activity through different kind of reports - all from an anarchist perspective. The kind of reports (general scene updates, presentation of groups and their activities, analysis of actions, different statements, short infos ...) will be in future issues depends mostly on what will be sent to us. We are still building up the most effective network of distribution for "ABfB" (including free copies for anarchist prisoners all over Europe) so if you think you could help us with it in anyway please let us know. It may be interesting for some why "ABfB" is written in a simple form of



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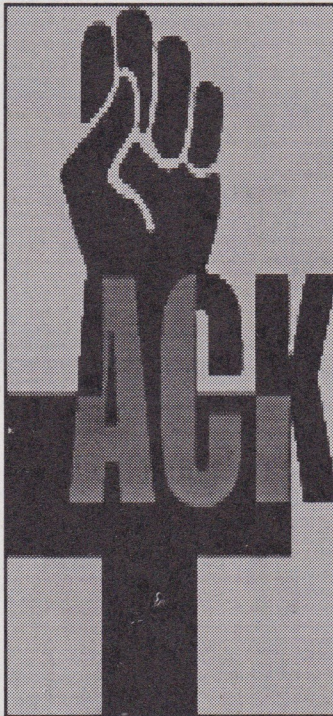
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english. Firstly this is the english that most of the activists from eastern countries usually use and secondly we want to make this paper as accessible as possible and understandable for the english hunt saber as for a spanish squatter, a russian objector or a bulgarian antifascist activist. So don't bother criticizing the primitive or non-intellectual type of language of "ABfB" because most of us are happy to be able to communicate in english at all ... your Abolishers.

A B C Anarchist Black Cross

Statement of the International Anarchist Black Cross meeting in Ghent (Belgium) 30/06/2001

Several Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) groups from around Europe met in Ghent. There where people from the following countries: Italy, Poland, Czech Republic, France, Luxemburg, UK, Holland, Germany and Belgium. At the meeting it was agreed that a network of autonomous groups would be formed to further the aims of the ABC. We believe in the abolition of the prison system, but not only that, but the destruction of capitalism and all kinds of authority. We believe the struggle against the (in)justice system, as it is against capitalism, is international. Therefore recent attempts by European governments (e.g. Europol in Spain 2001) to criminalise the anarchist movement must be opposed by all revolutionaries. We respect the variety of ways people resist government violence and terrorism, and will support those incarcerated by the state. We strive to provide practical and material aid for class struggle prisoners and to encourage support for them. The network respects the autonomy of each group to act within the different circumstances of their own local situation.



ANARCHIST BLACK ACROSS ABC-CSAF

ABC-CSAF is an initiative which helps, mostly by money support, to the anarchists and others radical left-wing activists, who are dogged by the state power. Further activities of the ABC are sending protest e-mails, letters and faxes and organising demonstrations and pickets in front of embassies, Ministry of (in)Justice etc.

The costs for defence of accused comrades are very huge. ABC is the anarchist initiative, so we do not take any money from a grants (apart from clear fact that nobody offer it to us) or from non-government organisations. Essential origin of our finance is just we ourselves - the ordinary activist.

Please, contribute to activity of Anarchist Black Cross. Also a little money will help! Mind that tomorrow you could be on the spot of person, which we will help. Contact us for details...

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New ABC - network in Poland

A meeting during the anti-border camp in Krynki (Polish/Belarus border) saw the creation of a new Anarchist Black Cross network in Poland. The new network will act in full cooperation with the existing one, but on slightly different rules. The meeting decided that ABC groups should be more autonomous and that network should have more new and elaborate ways of doing things. This was decided because the old network doesn't seem to work too effective in the opinion of some people. Out now is the first issue of the NABAT bulletin. The bulletin is a supplement to the main bi/tri-annual Polish ABC bulletin.

WRITE LETTERS TO PRISONERS:

TOMASZ WILKOSZEWSKI, Zakład Karny, Orzechowa 5 98-200 Sieradz, Poland In 1997 Tomek Wilkoszewski was sentenced to 15 years in prison for taking part in a fight, in which a nazi skin-head died. It is an extremely severe punishment for a person that has never broken the law before and who had been earlier terrorised for a long time by the local nazis without any reaction of the police. Now Tomek has still 10 years of his sentence left. It means for him spending about 3700 identical days with hard work being the only variety. He has only one hour for a walk during a day and three hours for a meeting with his family or friends a month. In order to avoid a nervous breakdown and apathy Tomek took up education. In prison he finished secondary school and successfully passed his matriculation exam. He wants to take up extramural studies, however it is likely that the administration of the prison will turn down his request as nowadays there is a tendency to apply more severe conditions of serving one's sentence. For five years Tomek has seen the world from behind the bars. It is not known when he may receive a pass to pay short visit to the world outside prison. Courts of all levels ignored the extenuating circumstances of Tomek's deed. Petitions of above two thousand signatures, demonstrations, support and guarantees from politicians, a TV commentary which was positive for Tomek - all these proved to be of no help. There isn't any possibility to change Tomek's sentence in legal proceeding. The only chance for Tomek is the president's pardon. Letters of support for Tomek are being sent to president Kwasniewski from many countries. The pardoning procedure is under way. However, the court has already presented its negative opinion in that case.

If you publish or distribute a zine, CDs or T-shirts, send one to Tomek by mail on the prison's address. You may also write to Tomek; he is happy to receive every letter, though he may not be able to respond quickly. You may also visit the website: www.wilkoszewski.w.pl

JAROSLAW IZYKOWSKI - Zakład Karny, ulica Wiezienna 6 56-100 Wolow, Poland Jarek "Srub" is a punk from Wrocław, who in November 1999 was sentenced to three years and six months of imprisonment. He was charged with beating and robbing a policeman on basis of proofs falsified by the police and depositions of fake witnesses. Two other people were also sentenced to two years and six months on the same charges and in the same circumstances as Jarek. One of them has already left prison. We have no information about the other one.

KLAUDIUSZ GLIKLICH - Zakład Karny, ul.Chrobrego 2, 43-400 Cieszyn, Poland Another case is the one of Klaudiusz Gliklich, who comes from Pszczyna. In November 1991, being attacked by three skin-heads he efficiently defended himself. In the result, two of the aggressors received injuries. Afterwards, Klaudiusz was stopped and arrested by the police. As a result of false depositions of the skinheads he was charged with l!robbery!! and sentenced to six years in prison. After serving 2 years and 9 months of the sentence he was released on parole. He was given supervision of the curator for the conditionally released person who turned out to be a former nationalist from Pszczyna. He was making Klaudiusz's life hard as much as he could. Eventually, being provoked by the curator, Klaudiusz hit him. In May 1997 his parole was cancelled and Klaudiusz returned to prison for the rest of his sentence. During his stay in prison Klaudiusz beat a guard and received another sentence. Since then he remains in prison.

PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD

Social, economical and moral catastrophe in Croatia is on culmination. Colonization has nearly ended. American imperialism is in the bloom in here and in the whole world. Croatia, and countries in transition, entered fifth phase of carrying in neoliberalism. With signing contracts with International Union of Destroyers - WB, IMF, WTO - they conducted 4 phases of destroying our country and prepare it for total colonization. After reorganising to "Rule of Market", "Cutting public expenditure for social services", "Deregulations", "Privatisation" time is coming to move the rest barriers and "Eliminating the concept of the Public Good or Community". Leaders of croatian government (foreign hirelings) and professional politicians, make pressuring the poorest people, and each critic call "unargumented" or "opposite state". With this Proclamation we are together with all the citizens in our country and the whole world who protest against this american global insanity:

- farmers
- refugees
- workers unions
- individuals and groups
- anarchists, libertarians, greens
- minorities
- NGOs in the Movement
- unemployments
- consumers
- students
- leaders of religion communities
- cheated soldiers and invalids from all the armies which lead wars for nothing
- unions of retired people
- unions of public services
- small number of politicians who raised their voices in the name of their electors

With this Proclamation we are solidarity with all the people who suffering poverty, injustice, betrials, torture. With this Proclamation we call everybody to throw away the fear of "mission police" and authorities, to protest against social injustice and bring back their dignity.

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Food not Politics

Cooking for homeless people we began in March of year 2000. At the beginning we were going to join the international organization Food Not Bombs, which has given food for years in lots of cities in USA and Europe, and become next group of, as unfortunately few groups in Poland of this organization. Discussing this we realized that of course FNB assumptions are correct but we see problem of being homeless, poor or unemployed a little otherwise, the reality in Poland is much different than it was 20 years ago in USA when FNB was founded. We think that not only militarism is important reason of misery of bigger and bigger amount of people and very poor state of social help in society in which we live. Generally the problem we see in mentality of society and in sick ambitions and ignorance of politicians... It is not only affair of wasting lots of taxpayers money on armaments. This mental swamp also, or maybe first of all, concerns local businesses of communities here in Poland, in Gliwice - the city where we live. That's why we decided to call our activity "Food Not Politics", to give a meaning that we are over or rather against sick political treaties and all businesses which are being done at the cost of the most poor people. In the consequence we try to make direct help "from people for people". This is also the way FNB groups act and we feel very connected with them and their activities, in fact we use lots of methods practised by these groups. At the beginning we were giving our, vegetarian food every sunday at the train station in Gliwice together with a group of people connected with The Help Society Of Saint Brother Albert, they were giving bread+something (not always vegetarian) and hot tea every day. After few months place was changed on the bus station near train station, because of train station's management, they did not like our action at their place. After next few months we had to leave also this place...

But on this station we had lots of amazing moments, especially during Christmas and Easter, it confirmed that what we do is need for people and also for us. Actually our action takes place close to the only sleep-house for homeless in Gliwice. Once a week about 40 persons (also homeless youth and children from street) take an advantage of our modest help. Everybody gets his portion if he doesn't come too late. All the time our action is being done regularly and we want it to stay this way. Vegetables and fruits we get from salesmen at the markets. So far the rest of needed products (cooking oil, spices etc.) we have been buying using money we earned on selling food at the gigs, making benefit concerts, selling benefit cassette which was released by us or from our own pockets. Food was being prepared at our homes, dorm, and now we cook at one of the parishes. Though it is hard sometimes, we hope to last in it, because we feel it is IT!

Greetings to all Food Not Bombs groups! Take care!

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You can support our activity by buying our benefit compilation cassette!

Jedzenie Zamiast Polityki

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In March the police from Wroclaw, previously known for its brutality, attacked a squat "KROMERA". The policemen without any motion from the building's owner brutally expelled the inhabitants and totally destroyed their property. Several people were beaten. The squatters, with legal help of ABC, lodged complaints against the policemen. There are 17 complaints followed by photographs and medical examinations of beaten up people. In Wroclaw several demonstrations and protests took place. The demonstrators stormed the town administration building, two people chained themselves to the railing in front of the building. The building in Kromera St. was squatted again. The squatters organised a happening where they spread leaflets stating true aims of the police in Wroclaw: evictions of squats, beating defenceless people or chasing people illegally selling vegetables or socks in the streets. Some of the demonstrators will face the misdemeanour court, one will appear before the court. It is very doubtful that the squatters will see justice in their case against the police. The public prosecutor, who interrogated the squatters from Kromera, was altering their words, addressing them with offensive expressions and answering "So what?" when they were complaining. Let us keep in mind that a legal proceeding in Strasbourg against the police in Wroclaw is already under way, concerning the other case of police attack on another squat, "Rejon 69".

Gliwice squat "KRZYK" (south Poland) **will probably be demolished**, however the squatters do have some kind of agreement with city council and will get another building. In other good news another new squat was occupied in Gliwice.

The "KARTON" squat, in Andrychow (central Poland) is a new place in the Polish squatters movement. This is very small house, but alive and kicking!

The Bialystok's squat "De Centrum" (north/east Poland) **is facing problems.** On the 7th of August police, with drawn guns and bullet proof jackets, raided the place with search warrant looking for stolen items. Two people sleeping inside barricaded themselves in the building while police broke down a door with axes. Once inside people were handcuffed and police seized all the valuable property of the squatters. Despite a detailed search the police found no stolen items or drugs. All the local media were present during the raid, with articles appearing in the next days newspapers. The two people detained were released in the same day. Police caused serious damages to the building, destroying ceilings, floors, walls, doors, furniture etc. Squatters regained control of the squat in the

evening of the same day. The day after the raid squatters organised a press conference inside the building, showing local media the state of the building. Police made a serious effort to explain themselves to local media after the press conference. Days later squatters went to the local police station to get back their stolen equipment. After some initial trouble and a not serious enough approach from the police there was 'spontaneous occupation' of the police station and some slogans painted inside. Few hours later police didn't even want to let the squatters in! These squatters also organised a street festival with theatre performance for local people (about 130 people attended), and did an action against planned late August auction of a building. They put lots of stickers and posters around the city trying to convince potential investors not to buy the building. In the end no one did, maybe thanks to these actions. The street festival included activities, such as an exhibition of photos from Palestine and games for local kids (which are now squatting their own building near). Right now the squatters are busy with renovations and efforts to get their equipment from the police. In October "De Centrum" will celebrate its first anniversary.

"ROZBRAT" squat in Poznan (central Poland) celebrated its 8th year of existence - **CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

"De Centrum" troubles continue. On 27th of October big police forces attacked "De Centrum" anarchist-squat in Bialystok (north-east Poland) after small scuffle with police officers outside when cops tried to enter the building with drawn pistol without any warrant and door were closed before them. Riot police and special units were deployed and after negotiations didn't have any success fire brigade cutted door and police entered the building, detaining 40 people. One person, stopped near door at the beginning of whole incident was CS sprayed in face, beaten and handcuffed, later charged with Violent resistance and threats to police officer (felony, up to 3 years). Police first tried to present us as dangerous bandits showing things which they found inside, telling that they found a lot of weapon (actually it was slinshot, fake gun, one stick, belt with used ammunition and few bottles with petrol). That case was on the first pages of newspapers and in TV. Police said that they were attacked by few people with baseball bats and that was the reason for calling reinforcements and breaking the door (also without any warrant). In next day squatters gave their statement correcting those lies. Also next day police came again with paper for the eviction and gave squatters one day to leave. After a meeting they decided to barricade themselves inside and occupy the building. It lasted for three days and owner tried to

negotiate few times, although without any success. Now it seems that he gave up and he will leave the building for squatters. However they are still in bad financial situation as all police raids (they didn't really recover from raid on 7th of August) costed them a lot of equipment stolen by police and they have a lot of damages. In Warsaw local anarchists organized solidarity action, blocking gates to Ministry of Internal Affairs. "De Centrum-crew" is determined to stay in the building despite of all attacks from police forces and nazis. De Centrum-struggle continues!

Nazi troubles in Bialystok. In Bialystok there has been a resurgence of Nazi activity. This activity has included a few recent attacks on squats (last time with Molotov Cocktails). All the attacks were repelled, much of this due to the fact those bastards are cowards and always run away. Early September saw local Nazis organised a show of band RP OI! in a local pub. The owner of the pub obviously doesn't care about having Nazi meetings there, no to mention that one of security guards working there is a leader of the local Nazis. Anti-fascists from RAAF and BAN tried to stop this concert. After attack by a small group of Antifas on the singer of RP OI! police intervened and forced the anti-fascist to retreat. The cops stopped all later attempts to attack the concert. Local anti-fascists are now organising patrols around the city to spot and attack Nazis.

Actions in Lodz and Gdansk. In Lodz and Gdansk anarchist made their presence visible during the celebration of 21st anniversary of the August's Agreements between opposition and communist authorities. In Gdansk a few dozen anarchists disrupted speeches by the Prime Minister and Marian Krzaklewski (main right wing politician) with whistles and shouts, reminding those bastards that they are liars and parasites. In Lodz about 50 anarchists took over a march organised by local socialist groups. The reds had only managed to attract about 15 people to their much publicised rally in defence of workers rights. During the march anarchists shouted slogans and distributed their own leaflets.

Gothenborg, Genoa and after. Polish anarchists took quite a serious part in the anti-EU actions in Gothenborg and again in Genoa against the G8. In the actions Polish anarchists were involved in both the protests (much of the time in the Black Bloc) and the overall event preparations working effectively together with german comrades. 2 Poles were arrested and deported from Sweden (one recognized as member of Ya BASTA network - sic !!!). Five Poles had been arrested in Genoa - 1 woman recognized as "potential terrorist" was deported immediately already before protests, 4

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guys after the initial charges were dropped, they were released and deported from Italy. Some of those deported got 5 year bans on entering EU countries. In some cities anarchists organised protest actions against the brutal repression in Italy and Sweden, and against the media manipulations of the events. During this time there was the active information group Committee G8, which provided accurate information to the media and organised protest actions. In Bialystok anarchists organised street theatre depicting the death of Carlo Giuliani and commemorated his loss with minute of silence. They also distributed a lot of leaflets, stuck some posters and painted some anti-police slogans. Warsaw had various anarchist groups, and some of the usual Trots participated, in protest actions outside the Italian embassy. These actions included a night vigil with music, demonstrations, posters, press conference etc. Wrocław anarchists and squatters organised two demonstrations against repression in Italy and Sweden and also against manipulations of "Gazeta Wyborcza" (neo-liberal paper and leading liar about anti-globalisation movement). In most actions media coverage was good to very good.

At the autumn time anarchists all over Poland were busy with **anti-election propaganda**. Posters and stickers covered most of bigger cities and many different actions were made.

This news is for those who after elections in Poland had any illusions about the "social-democrats" being any better than rightists. They already (few weeks after elections) started to lower social standards and increase taxes on savings. They're also more servile to NATO and EU than the former government. BTW, for others, "Grom" is a **Polish elite anti-terrorist unit that is being sent to Afghanistan** by decision of the president.

Anti-border camp. The anti border camp in Krynki, near Belarusian border, was a huge success for the local anarchist movement. The camp lasted from 5th to 12th of July. The camp started with a 200 strong demonstration in Bialystok. The demo was quite peaceful, but at the end there were scuffle with police in a building of City Council. The scuffles started when cops tried to throw some anarchist out of the place and they fought back. During these scuffles one cop was lightly injured. During the demo the police filmed and plain clothed police were almost everywhere. Later that day all people moved to Krynki to start a camp on private area, after local authorities denied anarchists any legal possibilities of organising anything there (which was not surprising at all). On the second day, while participants tried to do a street theatre in Krynki,

riot police attacked without any warning. They came with 20 cars, 2 water cannons and one military armoured car. All this force to stop street theatre! Several people were beaten by riot police, some scuffles with police occurred and 4 people were arrested and later charged with misdemeanour (locking the road, insulting a police officer etc). Paradoxically, this incident with the riot police helped people to win good relationship with local population, which was totally shocked by police violence. In the following days there were a lot of meetings, workshops, bonfires and also street party and a demonstration on the border (no people arrested). The camp had very good media coverage and also we had a lot of attention from cops and border guards (even a helicopter was filming around the camp).

Rafal Rusilowski released - trial soon! After sending four months in jail the Bialystok anti-fascist Rafal Rusilowski, framed up for the assault of a Nazi skinhead, has been released. Rafal's trial was postponed to the 24th of September because police pigs failed to fill out some forms and Rafal instead of going to trial spent this delay in jail. Of course no one said even "sorry" for this mistake. Luckily, due to pressure on the courts and the fact that local activists made a lot of noise around this case, Rafal was finally released. We hope that he will be also cleared from charges. He wanted to say 'thanks' to everyone who was supporting him during his stay in jail. After a last demonstration outside the prison in support of Rafal (while he was still there) police dispersed demonstration and about 15 people are charged with various misdemeanours. The struggle continues!

Anarchosyndicalist charged ! Dominik S, anarchosyndicalist activist and member of Anarchist Federation in Szczecin (north/west Poland), was recently charged with 'incitement to criminal activity'. This was based on content in the paper Shipyard Worker which Dominik publishes. Ship Worker is distributed in shipyard where Dominik works. The paper encourages workers to defend their rights and resist bosses, it writes about strikes and sabotage. Apparently management didn't like it and decided to get Dominik charged with incitement to criminal activity. Szczecin section of Anarchist Federation is preparing protests. We will inform you about his case.

The 11th november is Polish national holiday, so there was a **demo of the nazi right** at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Warsaw. They gathered a 100 plus people from different towns. After the demo some of them attacked an alternative concert at the "Central House of Culture" (some people know this place because the noborder meeting in

Warsaw was held there). No big harm except some windows broken.

Concerning NATO - an interesting story how some senators in US have threatened that the 2nd wave of NATO enlargement will be stopped if Poland doesn't choose F-16 as it's fighter airplane. Hungary has already chosen the Swedish Grippen. The interesting thing is that the Swedish plane is best adapted to defense of territory and can't be used for strike missions of the type that NATO is doing outside of its borders. If the US industry doesn't benefit from NATO enlargement, the whole point of it is under question.

This is the text of a leaflet prepared for **demo against the dropping of charges against a priest from Dukla** (Bieszczady region in south/east Poland) who was harrasing children sexually during religion lessons. The district attorney saw no proofs that it happened despite the testimony of the children. Demonstration at the justice ministry was organised by anarcho-feminists and academics and women's organisations of various kinds.

"A PRIEST'S HAND IN SOMEBODY ELSE'S UNDERWEAR? THAT'S UNCHRISTIAN! We are not saying that children have no sexuality. We also don't think that priests have no sexual drive, or that they should repress it. We are disgusted because power over the less privileged and people's trust is used in order to satisfy desires at the expense of children. In our country children are not respected. They are being beaten, raped, disciplined. This is why when sexual harrasment of children by a priest is revealed, the district attorney drops the charges. We protest against the discrimination and harrasment of any person, especially children who are being deprived of their voice. No more hiding of injustice!"

From Radio Free Europe: **POLAND TO INSTALL SENSORS AGAINST MIGRANTS ON EASTERN FRONTIER**. Within the next two to three years, Poland will install asystem of special cameras and electronic sensors on its eastern border to monitor illegal border crossings, PAP reported on 12 November. The sensors will operate in daylight and during the night and will also be able to determine the weight of border-crossing objects. "We want to monitor the eastern border electronically. The new system is capable of sealing it completely" Border Guard Commander Jozef Klimowicz told journalists. He added that most of the money for the project will come from the EU.

FA-Szczecin has been in contact with two workers who were employed on the construction of the Carrefour supermarket in that city. The construction plans were modified in order

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to save costs by removing some of the structural support and using bad quality materials. Also safety requirements for workers were not met. The result was a construction catastrophe during which a floor collapsed killing and injuring heavily several workers. The deceased worker's families were promised bug compensation, but finally received not more than the equivalent of 300\$. Two workers who are permanently disabled as a result of this accident have been in contact with FA-Szczecin, and have said they will be sitting by the entrance at the official opening of the supermarket telling their story and begging, because they have no other source of income. Fa-Szczecin plans a picket against the supermarket on the same spot. Carrefour has been building a supermarket in Warsaw as well. After the accident in Szczecin, it turned out that the same methods were used on the Warsaw construction site. The construction was suspended and the investor was forced to return to the original plan.

The members of the **FA-Kraków** are facing numerous fines for their social activity. Fortunately, they manage to avoid paying the fines (e.g. they avoided paying the fine for the "Lady Godiva" anti-tax demonstration where a naked girl rode on a horse through the city). Among others, Marek Kurzyniec was fined 600 zł plus 6 zł costs of legal proceedings for his protest during the presidential elections. It was declared that he littered a place for the public by throwing a flag at a polling station.

In spring 2001, **demonstrations and actions against evictions took place in the several cities of Poland**. From April to October Polish law allows people to be evicted. In Poland many families that do not pay the rent are turned adrift without scruples; they are evicted and left without any substitutional place to live. In many cases these are poor people with a lot of children, lonely mothers, workers that were made redundant, all those that are forgotten by the state and deprived of any help. In **Kraków** a press conference concerning evictions was surrounded by the police units. People involved in anti-eviction actions were being followed by secret officers. Violent demonstrations took place in Wrocław and Szczecin. In **Szczecin**, the demonstrators, who wanted to meet the voivode tried to enter his office. They threw three fumigating candles in and broke some windows. Six people were detained. Three of them will face the misdemeanour court on charges of taking part in an illegal gathering and one person is accused of destroying property, littering, violating public order and organising and taking part in an illegal gathering.

On Monday - November 12, there was a **public debate about the EU and traffic in a small town Litomysl in Eastern Czechia**. The debate was organised and funded by government through "Information centre for joining the EU", which you can find in every region of Czechia. A prominent guest of this debate

was a minister of traffic. Several people of CSAF and from local direct action collective "**Streets belongs to the people**" visited this debate. It is necessary to say these people were the only against the EU in all audience make up mostly from majors of big towns in region and MPs. They were a loudly minority, however. Soon came out that anarchists know much more about the EU than majors who support joining the EU in all possible ways and even than a minister. For example, nobody have heart about European Roundtable of Industrialists and even minister couldn't (or didn't want to) answer basic question about his traffic and the EU.

Of course this discussion didn't change their mind, but at least showed the resistance. You should see their faces after EU have got called "group of bureaucrat and bussinesmen".

By the way ... Is the slogan "we must join the EU" just a mantra of politic leaders or do people know something about EU ?

PGA report from Slovakia. Young workers and students in Bratislava have formed the "**Revolucny Kolektiv 9. Novembra**" to coordinate actions that will coincide with the 9-13 Nov. WTO ministerial in Qatar. So far, they have concentrated on public education and outreach. A video projection were organized for November 8th in a well known Bratislava club (on a nice site along the Danube). Indymedia films from Seattle/N30, Praha/S26, and the Genoa G-8 summit were showed and information about the WTO, transnational corporations, and global capitalism distribute. This event was also serve as a spokescouncil for local affinity groups planning actions on the 9-13. Activists have also produced and distributed posters on the topics of corporate media manipulation, neo-liberal economics, and the WTO ministerial in Qatar. The posters call for (and indeed, promise) decentralized, autonomously organized direct actions on the occasion of the ministerial. There are plans for actions across Slovakia, organized mainly through the Czecho-Slovak Anarchist Federation (CSAF). Though based in Bratislava, the Kolektiv has received invaluable cooperation and support from comrades in Czechia, Seattle, Norway, and across Slovakia. They are, in fact, along with equivalents and friends around the world, building a strong movement to avert ecological apocalypse and transcend capitalism. With maximum solidarity, *Revolucny Kolektiv 9 Novembra 9novrevol@centrum.sk c/o CSAF Poste Restante 851 06 Bratislava 57 Slovakia*

On the 9th november at 12.00 the slovak Stock Exchange in Bratislava was occupied. Two of the anarchists climbed on the building to hang out a big banner "Capitalism is an organised crime" and black and red flag. After 1 hour the police called firemen and removed them. People down on the street supporting the occupators handed out flyers what is wrong with capitalism and WTO and made music. Despite the fact, that nothing illegal happened, 8 arrests and 1 american comrade was expelled from Slovakia for 1 year. This

action was organized by the *Revolutionary Collective of 9th November*, consisting of young students and workers. With using network and help of *Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation* the action has been prepared as a part of the PGA Global day of action against WTO. The day before a video evening with Seattle and Genoa films, where the actions and strategy of the movement should have been discussed, was also disturbed by the police. All the major cities in the country were covered with posters explaining and refusing the corporate media manipulation and the neoliberal myths about endless economic growth, unemployment and poverty. State and capitalism cannot be reformed was mentioned there, too.

Squats in Moscow. City mayor Luzhkov wants to kick out old people living in communal kommunalkas in the city centers (pre-1917 big appartments splitted to many parts) to sell these to bourgeoisie. Many people are going to refuse and barricade themselves to their homes. We are waiting for more informations !!!

There was an **action against bombing Afganistan** on one of the biggest and popular squares in **Kyiv (Ukrain)**.

The town from children toys was build and then one person who acted as a 'terrorist' put on the ground 'arabic trace' from redpaper and joined to the peaceful inhabitants of the town. Then two soldiers found the traces and put the labels with the word 'terrorist' on the inhabitants. On the toy bus from paper they put a label 'tank' and in the town they left the paper with the words 'base of terrorists'. And the final scene was a 'bombing' of the town with the boxes from compact-cassetes. The press wasn't so aggressive as was to expected. The materials which were on TV an in the press weren't negative or positive.. Just news.



Report from Belarus - punk & hardcore scene under the regime

Belarus is situated between Poland, Russia, Lithuania, Latvia & Ukraine. The 1st punk and hardcore bands appeared in the late 80-ies. Nowadays the scene is small, but united & developing.

by Alex

SQUATS

Sad but true: nor punk/hc-venues, neither squats. There were few little acoustic concerts in empty buildings in Grodno, but I can't call them 'squats'. We have never got any permanent squats, in October 2000 ~60-70 anarchos, punks and other different people arranged "OCCUPATION" - a so called "squatting performance" of a former cardiolinic in the center of Minsk. The action took place under the slogan "Man Can Everything!", consisting of acoustic concert, performances, painting on walls and on bodies, making artistic noise. The action lasted more than 2 hours and ended when the police came. No one decided to hold it because of police brutality, government authoritarian politics and criminal responsibility for these deeds. Really, if had decided to keep it, we wouldn't stay even for an hour. I'm sure 'cause I know the stupidity, aggressiveness and technical basis of our police and OMON (special forces of Belarusan police).

CLUBS:

Minsk: We have no punk-venues & since September there are no clubs, where punk gigs can be held. During the last years authorities closed many clubs. The present day clubs are far from perfect: one of them is boycotted by several groups because of many reasons, another provides censorship of what is said/sang from the scene coz they are afraid of having problems with KGB, moreover, they have tough-guy security, so that you can get more injuries from them than from being in a center of machoslam, another club is afraid of Nazi attack on the club, there was a small incident with these bastards, but they were beaten up, but since then the club

doesn't want to deal with us, coz 'they will come next time & there will be plenty of them & they will beat up our security, break windows & crash equipment', others are just major clubs, who don't appreciate holding punk-gigs, 'cause they don't get much profits of them. So, some DIY activists try to organize gigs themselves, but, as you can see, it's really hard. As I know, the situation is practically the same in Grodno, another punk-center of Belarus.

ZINES: (all in russian/belarusian language)
After thinking a bit & trying to remember all the zines published in my country recently, I understood that it's better not to start writing about it at all. I can assure you - there are plenty of them!

BANDS:

DEVIATION - play smth. 'bout polit punk/hc/folk/reggae. Have 2 old records + one brand new album "Guerilla Urbane" - powerful & political P.O.BOX 64 Grodno 230010/ buntuima@mail.ru
CONTRA LA CONTRA - hc in PARAGRAF 119 & AMEN 81 style with fe-/male vox & really good political lyrics. The only belarusan DIY band which toured farther than poland -

- they had a tour through Germany this spring & are going to tour it+poland+denmark the next spring, have a demo "CD-R is available!!!" P.O.BOX 237 Grodno 230023/ contra@tut.by

HATE TO STATE - @punk/crust with dual male/female vox. The legends & pioneers of belarusan DIY scene, DIY movement in our country started after they had begun to play. They are already R.I.P., but their "Hate Demo" is classics P.O.BOX 205 Minsk 220107

451F - former members of HATE TO STATE play rageous crustcore with female vox. Demo is available soon. Address is above
PARAFIN - play Oil-punk & '77 punk in dual vocals, have a demo, contact through Coup de Grace

DEFECT OF MIND - new skool hardcore with screaming & growling dual female vocals Anton Vasiluk, 60 Let Oktiabria 15A-35, Ivacevichi 225250 Brest region

TWIN PIGS - play hc/@punk influenced by Swedish scene. They haven't already released anything but really want! Anton Vasiluk, 60 Let Oktiabria

15A-35, Ivacevichi 225250 Brest region

PRAVAKACYJA - play mid-tempo punk in Stooges style. Have released "Zwychajnaia Ranitsa" album. Aleg Baharevich Rotmistrova str. 22-35 Minsk 220075

KAIFUCKEDY - Californian punk-rock with strange lyrics. 2 tapes: "Ne-album" & "Pro Durnyh" Alexandr Moroz, P.O.BOX 215 Borisov 222120 Minsk region
SCUM OUT - hardcore similar to Cryptic Slaughter '86 with 2 boys & 1 girl on vocals. Have just released their 1st album P.O.BOX 55 Minsk 220029 / h8red@mail.ru

BASTA-BASTA! - punk-rock with some Oil & ska influences, no records yet. P.O.BOX 52 Grodno 230010 / waldik@tut.by

VYTRI ANUS - cheerful punk-rock from crazy Grodno guys P.O.BOX 52 Grodno 230010 / waldik@tut.by

SQUAT - NY-style non-tough-guys hardcore, no records yet. contact through Coup de Grace

ANTYGLOBALIZATOR - old skool hc/crust, the name explains their political views Gaja, 9-5 Grodno 230010 / bastardXXX@torba.com

PET NIHIL - punk with some grunge features, an album "Tonatos" P.O.BOX 40 Grodno 230006/ petnihil@tut.by

MAY B GROUP - not actually punk-rock, but really crazy music with a bass & drums only, somehow similar to SABOT from Czech rep. P.O.BOX 237 Grodno 230023/ contra@tut.by 'for May B'

DISTROS/LABELS:

NO MANIPULATION - small non-profit DIY distro; does mail-orders & sell stuff at local shows; prefer to trade; demo, tapes, records, zines; send samples & terms. Igor Konik P.O.BOX 205 Minsk 220107

STAY STRAIGHT! - re-recordings & distro of sxe & drug-free hardcore from all over the world. Do vosstrebovaniia Novikov A.V. Minsk-34 220034 /stay_str8@usa.net
ZB-DISTRO - re-recording releases of punk/hardcore/etc. from everywhere! P.O.BOX 473 Minsk 220047 / bogema@tut.by

KK-SOUND - just a usual punk distro/label. BTW, the only one who has full-colored booklets! Alexander Moroz, P.O.BOX 215 Borisov 222120 Minsk region
But, well, actually, bands usually release their records themselves. It's impossible to release 7"s, LP's & releasing CD's is too expensive for us, so the most part of records are on tape, it is cheaper and more suitable for DIY activities in our country.

All addresses are in BELARUS! Please, write only address on envelope, don't write name of zine or distro...

MY ADDRESS: Alexei Bogomolski. Zhukouskagast. 5/1-180. Minsk 220007. BELARUS. C.I.S./ bogema@tut.by

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Declaration of Radical Antifascist Action - RAAF/Poland

(RAAF - Radykalna Akcja Anty-Faszystowska)

1. We are the group aiming to fight fascism in every form and in each sphere of life. In connection with that we object also to discrimination with regard to sex, race and sexual preferences.
2. The organization is composed of autonomic groups, acting on different levels and having the same rules.
3. Fighting fascism we use all accessible means from ideological struggle to physical confrontation. Our rule is **ZERO TOLERANCE** - none of fascist activities can't remain without reaction.
4. We exclude any cooperation with all political parties and organizations wanting to use the antifascist struggle for their own aims.
5. We object any cooperation with police and special services realizing that those institutions in the end always stand by the side of our enemies.
6. In our actions, there is rule of sobriety what means none alcohol and drugs.
7. We are open for the co-operation with other groups appreciating the same rules as us.
8. The group find it as necessary to protect its members from represions - the person menaced of them can expect that the group helps in every possible way.

RAAF, po box 43, Bialystok 26 e-mail: pkropotkin@wp.pl

"A DOUBLE MEETING IN WROCLAW"

At begining of November in south/west Poland took place a historical meeting of various libertarian groups from all over the country conected to the next rally of FA (Anarchist Federation).

Idea of that kind of double-meeting came out from Wroclaw's anarchists and squatters which are known from putting since years a lot of energy into process of strenghtening an @-movement in Poland. First two days were reserved for internal discussions of FA in which took part about 30 persons from about 12 centres. This is how member of FA-Warsaw comments this 2 days:

"There were some discussions about the case from Szczecin. The guy was present and talked about the court case against him for "inciting for acts of sabotage" by distributing the "Shipyard Worker" paper in the Szczecin shipyard where he works (see page 7). Other workers initiatives and newspapers have appeared in Poznan and Warsaw. Szczecin section of FA is preparing for a celebration of the anniversary of worker's radical protests in december. Lodz section of FA has established contact with muslim immigrants in their city, however the secret police prevented them from participating in FA actions bygiving a telephone call with threats to all the people who wanted to come. However the anti-war actions will be continued. The work on the "plaszczyna" (or "platform" the FA's statutes) were postponed, because the copies available at the meeting were stolen at a milk bar where Lodz delegates went to eat. An hour later the thieves contacted them wanting to sell the mobile phone which was stolen as well, but they didn't want to sell the platform. At least we had the

satisfaction that our ideas were being spread among the proletariat."

Concerning FA rally it should be mentioned discussion about how to save one from the most interesting anarchist magazine in Poland "Mac Pariadka" and analyses of Mayday 2001 in Warsaw which tum into decision of orginizing Mayday 2002 rather in Slupsk (northern Poland) then in Warsaw.

Next two days brought a new spirit into the meeting. So called "rally of libertarian groups" gathered about 80 activists from many cities representing more then 20 groups and projects. It starts with general presentation meeting and first mobilisation appeals (D14-Brussels, NATO-conferance in Prague). Project of Direct Action Network was presented and discussed. At this point came to first conflicts between older FA activists and younger anarchists from different groups. All squats in Poland were represented on meeting. They presented their activity and problems and tried to find out ways of cooperation in the future. Big part of workshops was lead by feminist-groups... so let them speak: "There was a speech about the 'sex - wars' in the U.S. to show some dangers of being 'sex-negative'. The "Emancypunx" and "K.U.R.W.A." made a workshop about how to make an anarcho-feminist group and what to do with it. For the first time in Poland the issue of sexual abuse and rape in the anarchist groups and punk scene was discussed by members of all groups. There

Several contacts with anarcho-feminists groups from Poland:

BARBIE WAR

Karolina Borkowska, ul.Nowowiejska 6/45, 11-500 Gzizycko, Poland.

CZARNE PONCZOCHY (BLACK TIGHTS)

p.o.box17, 87-100 Torun 2, Poland

CZARNE SIOSTRY (BLACK SISTERS)

Pietruszka, p.o.box47, Miedzyrzec Podlaski, Poland.

DISCO ANGELS

Kobieca Niezalezna Grupa Artystyczna, po box 145, 02-792 Warszawa 78, Poland.

EKO-FEMINA

Anna Pietruszka, ul.Kalenkiewicza 15/13, 82-300 Elblag, Poland.

EMANCYPUNX

po box145, 02-792 Warszawa 78, Poland

www.emancypunx.prv.pl

FEMINA FRONT

Alina Synakiewicz, ul.Parkowa 84b/16, Grudziac, Poland.

KONSOLA

Marta Maciejewska, ul.Newtona 12a/35, 60-161 Poznan, Poland.

K.U.R.W.A.

(Koedukacyjna Unia Rewolucyjno Wyzwolenczo Anarchistyczna - Anarchist Revolutionary Libertarian Co-education Union)

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STRZYGA

Rozbrat, po box5, 60-966 Poznan 31, Poland.

where no conflicts there and everybody tried to have some propositions in effort to solve the problem rather then having another fight! Then there was a meeting "for ladies only" about the biology and sexuality of women. There was one girl speaking basically about the lies in the sexual education and the relation women - medicine. It was really funny and shocking in the same time, we spoke about our experiences with doctors and farmalogists. Then there was a happening by Emancypunx about the body and stereotypes and food and party until morning. On Sunday we discussed workers rights (workshop prepared by LA and anarchist group "Solidarnosc") there

was only one woman interested(sic!). The discussion was boring and not creative, because of lots of slogans. I was really shocked when I heard an anarchist advising us that we should organise the FREE TIME OF THE WORKERS. I suggested that maybe we should concentrate on criticising the free - busy time division and that we should help the workers by education and information and support rather, than by showing them the positive aspects of their exploitation. It was accepted, but not without doubts."

What more at these days - decision of starting with polish indymedia was taken during one of the meetings and idea of our new publication

"AbolishingBB" presented. Many voices of criticism against FA and for need of new means of agitation were heard in Wroclaw. And there was not enough time to discuss re-building of an antifascist structures in Poland and to develop an idea of Direct Action Network. In between discussions, projections, concerts, performances and actions like Food Not Bombs took place. Whole meeting was very well organized and a dream about an approach of many groups from different places and with different agendas but with the same anarchist/anti-authoritarian visions of life - came true.

Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation (CSAF)

CSAF is an anti-authoritarian organisation of free-minded people, who do not intend to acquiesce with a present social order based above all on two props of compression and exploitation - the state and the capitalism. We are not just negativist, who only manage to criticise outward as well as retired defects. We also try to actively propagate our alternative vision of freedom and self-government society. We would like to sponsor the creation of a society where people mutually respect and create their own agreements and where people decide for themselves what to produce and grow. We would like to help create the conditions for self-determination with respect to the freedom of all people. We want equality, solidarity and a sustainable way of life instead of a sustainable growth. We would like to bring about a change of attitude towards the Earth - people are a part of it, not its master. In a non-exploitative society people can work fewer hours while having more time for self-education, relaxation and social activities. We want international solidarity and cooperation of people all over the world.

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Antifascist October

"Don't let nazis march the streets again"

7 months ago created Czech nationalist and fascist groups coalition called National-Social Block (NSB). During its first meeting police defended NSB and attacked protesting antifas. During the summer initiated Interior

minister so called "war against neonazis", in praxis it meant only exhibition for journalists and public opinion, only few nazis were accused (but not because of organising militant actions or political events, only for wearing some SS-symbols etc.).

Antifascist campaign Antifa October started on September 29 in small town Nachod. 80 anarchists and some local Roma people marched through the town to protest against nazis activities in the region and against M.Rousek, "distinguished chairman of NSB", who is local councillor. Attack of local nazis was expected, because they've been beaten on their meeting one month before, but nothing happened during the demo. In the evening some 15 nazis thought, that there could be only few antifas in the area, but after being beaten they realised they were completely wrong.

As we expected nazis attempt to make a big demo on October 28, which is day of founding Czechoslovakia in 1918, we started series of antifascists stalls in the Prague, in order to show who the NSB members are (they are trying to

be seen as political party, but they are only bunch of nazi-skinheads and hooligans) and to let people know about our activities.

On October 20 took place on the Namesti Miru square action called "Music against Racism". 400 people gathered to protest against racism and nazis activities listening to punk-rock music, hip-hop, ska and folk-punk music till the evening. Only two nazis tried to make problems, but were pushed out of the square.

Most important action of the Antifa October was Demonstration against Fascism "Don't let nazis march the streets again". It took part on October 28 and was organised - as whole campaign - by Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation, Antifascist Action, Feminist Group of 8.March, Organization of Revolutionary Anarchists - Solidarity and Reclaim the Streets Prague. 300-350 antifas came it the rainy noon to Namesti Miru, while 200 nazis gathered on the Letna periphery for their march. At 1,00 PM formed antifas their march, with security banner in the front held by well prepared antifas and with black block around the radio-van in the middle of the stream. Two hours long march came through city centre and stopped on few places to read speeches of anarchist organizations. People were shouting slogans against neonazis, war in Afghanistan and NATO.

Neonazis read their speeches in quick and marched on the opposite side away from city centre, where lot of them jumped in the trains and went out of town. When antifas came near the place of nazi-rally, no bonoheads were in the area. Demonstration was finished without incidents at 3,00 PM. Some groups of people beat nazis afterwards in the city centre, similarly as the centre-czech leader of NSB V.Skoupy who was attacked two weeks before and had to be taken to hospital. The demonstration was succesfull in the case of preventing nazis to reach the city, they could only march on periphery, while protected by 500 policemen. But only people who said NO to the nazis that day, were anarchists and antifascists there were no ethnical minorities or other people on the demonstration.

Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation

ANARCHIST and LIBERTARIAN ACTIVITY in Lithuania

Our alternative scene is just taking its first steps so there is not so much to write about, but a proverb says "better less, than nothing". In the late 90's the first alternative club in Vilnius opened in an old bunker. Inside is a bar, concert space and rehearsal room - its name is "Bombiaka". For the last three years there was another space called "Green Club" in a soviet style house of culture. Before this place was a rock club which went bankrupt and after it was squatted and opened illegally as the "Green Club". They had a bar, gigs, techno parties, alternative art events, every sunday vegan cafe with anarcho library and movies. Unfortunately this great place have got sold in last days for commercial aims (casino !!!). Of course "Green activists" are not going to give up...

There is one squat in Vilnius called "BARBORA" where about 12 peoples live and touring bands stay. The annual

"Barbora squat" event is called Empty Houses for Free People. It is a festival with live bands, vegan food and fire in the yard. This year the festival was organized for second time. A squat support CD with Lithuanian bands is going to be released.

There are also political actions happening in Vilnius. In last December for a first time in Lithuania there was an anti-fur action. A big company put on a fashion show in a theater with a countries rich and elite as their audience. Even a president attended. The demonstration in front of the theater where people uided their distaste for fur industry with banners and flyers was written up in every newspaper. The head of company even accused the protestors to be payed by his competitors or some political party. Some articles were actually

positive to the demonstrators.

In May in Vilnius there was an anti-military demo during NATO's parliamentary assembly. More then 150 persons took part in illegall manifestation. The police did not intervence but demo was attended by many civil police as well as being filmed. After the right-wing newspapers wrote that the action was organized by Russian special service and that only junkies, satanists and the homeless people attended. Later some organizers had problems in where they work.

There were also two solidarity actions with Genua events. In first one person was spray painted "Carlos Rip" near the Italian Embassy. A month after Carlo Giuliani death, as a part of a Global Action Day, people handed out flyers and mourned with his picture and candles again near the embassy. This second action was organized by anarcho-punx and anarchist collective called RED BRIGADEZ. This group made also a funny action against local Telecom which holds monopoly over telephone buisness in whole country - public phones all over Vilnius were "secured" with condoms.

The lithuanian animal friends made an anti-circus action. A famous russian animal circus came to Vilnius and about 20 people protested in front of the venue with flyers and banners saying "The circus is fun but not for

animals" and "Humen rights = Animals rights". Activists gave flayers and talked with families which came to the show. There was also a fire-show to give an example that circus can be fun without animals too. A few families listened to protestors and decided not to atteded the circus. The same action was repeated two day later but police intervention stopped it from being so effective.

As you for sure realized most of activities are concentrated in capitol city of Vilnius. Some years ago underground movement in province was quite strong, there were some bands, clubs and big festivals what disapeared at the moment. In last two years there was a intensive exchange of informations with various groups and persons from abroad (especially from Germany and Poland) what brought a fresh wind to the local anarchist/anarcho-punk scene. For more informations check out www.hardcore.lt - it is the best source of what is going on in Vilnius and Lithuania underground scene, you can find all the contacts there as well.

Lithuania - rebelian hc/punk scene - up date

dr.GREEN released their second album "The Sounds Of Black & White Radio" (it was re-released in Poland, Finland, Russia and distributed worldwide) and toured a lot in Europe, the band recorded their third record at their native "Green" club on 4-track, only vocals and mixing were made at a studio. new fun-punk band is ARMATURA with original ERKE MAISE members and their friends. all of them builds houses, so all their songs are about work. Unfortunately no real punk bands left in Lithuania, though most of the bands deal with punk way of thinking. recently ADAMKUS IR IEVA have recorded their second album at "Green

club". actually is a one-man project. he came back from Berlin with music and lyrics, invited some musicians and they have recorded anarcho-punk album with Russian lyrics. LIP-NUS MACHARADZOS PIRSTAI - an original reggae band (there is also GREEN SUN CLUB, but they are not very active) - after releasing very interesting album "Molines Sraiges Ivaizdis", their guitar player/singer went to study in Germany, so the band's future is doubtful. LMP "heart" drummer/singer keeps playing in bands like VONIA, TURBINOS, SC. SC with drummer from LMP released their 4th album "Saliam Aleikum" by themselves. After the previous album with drum machine, new records sounds much more energetic emo-freak-core. Since the beginning SC have never used a guitar - only drums and distorted bass + vocals. VONIA (distorted violin, bass and drums) have recorded debut record full of original folk-emo-core. pitty, but VONIA was only one album band - it seems the personalities were too strong to

stay together. unfortunately one of the most promising lithuanian melodic hardcore bands INVAZIJA splitted up after releasing few very interesting albums. last year BRAMBORAK released (after few line-up changes) their second album "Animal Voice" and went on tour in Europe together with Australian hardcorers BY ALL MEANS. recently they bought a van and are going to tour again. their new record is faster, but very short... local Russians SPICHKI have recorded their new album. before they have played some gigs in Germany and received warm support there. SPICHKI play very soulful cabaret punk and always give very hot concerts. legendary punk musician Maisas (ex- punk/hc band ERKE MAISE, pop-punk TURBOREAN-

IMACIJA, oi! punk TORO BRAVO, few more) joined SPICHKI and added some distorted guitar and very nice punk flavour. TORO BRAVO - powerful sing-along oi! punk - released their second album "The Best of TORO BRAVO pt.2". their singer is a quite impressive skinhead, always declaring his antifa position, they are the only antifa skinheads over here. quite old punk band APATIJA from Siauliai still going on and plays live from time to time. recently they got more interested in dub experiments. of course, there are more bands, but they are either half-dead or taking first steps only. new faces are teenagers from a small town Salcininkai - their band SPLITFACE plays quite powerful dirty hardcore. PAY NO MIND, playing fast American style ska-punk, splitted up after few gigs. zine scene is almost dead. "Kablys" zine had serious troubles with selling it in shops, because of not being officially registered. anyway, 10 issue was released even with a free CD sampler. the zine is mostly devoted to hardcore scene, while covering punk, ska, etc. fields as

well. because all "Kablys" activists are musicians, it's quite difficult to keep it periodical, but the issue 11 is hopefully to be published this year. few issues of "Sperm Oil" were published, but it was transformed to Mutual newsletter. More social-political oriented "Kontra" zine is silent for quite a long time now. avantgarde zine "Salikapalikau" is published from time to time, but it covers mostly art-noise scene.

so published word isn't on its top. in exchange, few years ago website www.hardcore.lt was launched. most of the above mentioned bands have their sites there. you can always find some news, gigs announcements, nice pictures, other useful information, at least download some Lithuanian underground music - most of the bands don't care about copyrights. if you are going to Vilnius - check it out for some contacts. the website somehow replaces the lack of zines.

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